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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 46.0 degrees, 1.0 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, April 4. Precipitation averaged 1.43 inches, 0.47 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 19 points below normal.

Reporters rated 0.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, April 2. This is 2.5 days less than last year and 2.7 days less than the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short,0 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 72 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	0.7	1.5	2.2
2003	3.2	2.4	5.6
1999-2003 Average	3.4	3.1	6.4

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	28	72
Last Week	0	0	51	49
Same Week Last Year	0	4	72	24
1999-2003 Average	1	13	63	21

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 4

Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is three percent jointed, this is one day behind last year’s schedule, and two days behind the 1999-03 average. Two percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is four days behind last year and more than two weeks behind the five-year average. Approximately one percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This is the same as last year, but three days behind the 1999-03 average.

Apples are 13 percent in green tip, compared to 21 percent last year and nine percent for the five year average. **Peaches** are 15 percent in green tip, compared to 19 percent in green tip in 2003 and nine percent for the 1999-03 average.

Wet weather continues to cause problems for Ohio’s farmers as the rain came down five days last week. Field activities concluded Monday morning just before the first rain drops began to fall. Most activities during the week centered around equipment preparation and maintenance. Farmers, during the first few days, were able to plant small amounts of oats and potatoes. Vegetable producers planted sweet corn and cabbage this past week. Dairy farmers are enjoying high milk prices, with a few culling parts of their herds.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Most livestock are in good condition and should be grazing on pastures before to long. Reporters estimate livestock at 60 percent good and 13 percent excellent condition. In the southern part of the state, sweet corn has reached three leaf stage and strawberries are blooming. Pastures are greening up but many are very muddy. Pastures were rated 48 percent good and five percent excellent compared to 51 percent good and nine percent excellent last year.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 4

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples Green Tip	13	21	9	NA	NA
Oats planted	2	5	17	NA	NA
Peaches Green Tip	15	19	9	NA	NA
Potatoes planted	1	1	3	NA	NA
Winter wheat jointed	3	5	6	1	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 4

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	21	65	11
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	2	30	55	13
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	8	30	54	7
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	3	29	57	10
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	22	60	13
Previous Week	0	3	18	67	12
Previous Year	1	4	17	65	13
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	8	35	48	5
Previous Week	5	15	27	47	6
Previous Year	2	9	29	51	9
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	23	64	10
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	2	32	53	13
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	28	54	12
Previous Week	1	5	28	54	12
Previous Year	1	3	18	57	21

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 4

	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days ^{1/}	
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.
Northwest	46.3	1.5	0.27	-0.52	17	-8
North Central	44.2	-0.9	1.58	0.73	11	-16
Northeast	43.4	-1.4	1.77	0.76	8	-20
West Central	46.6	0.0	0.79	-0.15	17	-14
Central	46.2	-1.6	1.52	0.50	16	-20
Central Hills	44.2	-2.0	1.79	0.82	11	-21
Northeast Hills	45.3	-1.6	1.63	0.67	14	-21
Southwest	47.1	-1.6	1.30	0.15	17	-22
South Central	48.3	-1.8	1.93	0.95	22	-26
Southeast	47.1	-1.5	2.00	1.04	20	-22
STATE	46.0	-1.0	1.43	0.47	16	-19

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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